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City of Canterbury and County of Kent Education Committees

JUNIOR COMMERCIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

AN EXAMINATION for the AWARD OF SPECIAL PLACES for ADMISSION to the above-named school in SEPTEMBER, 1942, will be held on SATURDAY, 6th JUNE, at 9 a.m.

Candidates for Special Places must be British subjects and their parents must be bona fide residents in the respective area of Canterbury County Borough or the County of Kent. Admission to the examination is open to girls born between 1st October, 1927, and 31st March, 1928. Where possible, arrangements will be made for candidates who have been evacuated to take the examination in the place in which they are now living.

Forms of application may be obtained from the Principal, Canterbury Technical Institute, and must be returned not later than SATURDAY, 23rd MAY, 1942.

B. H. STEVENS
Director of Education.

12 St. George's-place,
Canterbury.

SPRING GIFTS

HOSPITAL EXTENSION APPEAL

Gifts amounting to £7 17s. 6d. were received by the committee of Ramsgate General Hospital Extensions Appeal during April, bringing the total of the fund to £10,570 5s. 4d.

The committee are grateful not only for the money itself but for the inspiration and encouragement that comes with these tokens of loyal support from well-wishers far and near.

The 50th list of contributions to be published since the opening of the appeal in March, 1938, is as follows: Miss A. L. Lake, Broadstairs, £3 3s.; Isle of Thanet Lodge, Independent Order of Oddfellows, per Mr. J. T. Mummery, secretary, £2 2s.; Mrs. D. Johnson, Broadstairs, £1; "Two former residents," 12s. 6d.; Mr. H. Powell, M.B.E., Northampton, 10s.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Woodward, Ramsgate, 5s.; Mrs. G. Riches, Minster, 5s.

MARGATE CORPORATION FOREMAN

The Roads and Footpaths Committee of Margate Council have recommended that following the retirement which takes place shortly of the road foreman, Mr. J. Davis, the duties should be undertaken by the works foreman, Mr. W. Fright, and that he be designated general foreman.

It is recommended that Mr. Fright's salary shall be increased from £260 per annum to £280 per annum from the date of Mr. Davis' retirement, and that subject to a satisfactory report from the Borough Engineer and Surveyor he be granted a further increment of £20 as from 1st April, 1943.

Four charge hands are to be appointed from the present roads works staff and their wages are to be increased by 5s. each weekly.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	... 10.25 p.m.—5.28 a.m.
Wednesday	. 10.26 p.m.—5.26 a.m.
Thursday	... 10.27 p.m.—5.24 a.m.
Friday	... 10.28 p.m.—5.22 a.m.
Saturday	... 10.30 p.m.—5.21 a.m.
Sunday	... 10.31 p.m.—5.19 a.m.
Monday	... 10.33 p.m.—5.17 a.m.

BOROUGH OF RAMSGATE

Appointment of Assistant Salvage Officer

APPLICATIONS are invited for the appointment of Assistant Salvage Officer at a salary of £5 0s. 0d. per week.

The appointment is a temporary one and will be subject to one week's notice on either side.

The person appointed will also be required to act when necessary as Assistant to the Mortuary Superintendent. A small extra emolument is given in respect of such services.

Candidates for the position should have some knowledge of the building trades and also of general clerical work.

Applicants must disclose in the application whether to their knowledge they are related to any members of or the holder of any senior office under the Council.

Applications, together with two recent testimonials, in plain sealed envelopes, and endorsed "Assistant Salvage Officer," must be delivered to the undersigned on or before Friday, the 22nd May, 1942.

H. G. CURTIS
Town Clerk.

Clarendon House,
Ramsgate.
11th May, 1942.

BOMBS TO BLAME

MAGISTRATES' INVIDIOUS POSITION

Ramsgate magistrates were placed in an invidious position on Monday.

At a previous sitting the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) drew the attention of the police to the fact that cyclists were using passages in the town in which cycling was prohibited.

As a result of observations kept by the police, Katie Halsey, aged 53, Civil Defence worker, of Priory-road, was summoned for cycling in Tomson's-passage on 30th April.

In view of the fact that, following enemy action, there was no notice at one end of the passage warning cyclists that it was an offence to cycle there, the magistrates dismissed the case.

The Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight) read a letter from defendant in which she stated that had there been a notice at the Clarendon House end of the passage that cycling was prohibited she would not have committed the offence.

W/R Lucas said he stopped defendant as she was cycling up the passage towards Cannon-road at 12.55 p.m. on 30th April. She said there was only one person in the passage and she thought it was safe to ride. She also said she was in a hurry to get back to her post at the Health Centre. Notices were exhibited in the passage warning cyclists that it was an offence to ride there.

The Chairman: Is there a notice at the Clarendon House end?

The Clerk: There used to be one.

Chief Inspr. Butcher: Unfortunately, owing to enemy action, it is no longer there. There was a notice there for many years. I think we might almost plead Common Law.

In reply to the Clerk, W/R Lucas said when he stopped defendant she said nothing about there being no notice at the end of the passage.

The Chairman said the police were acting properly in bringing the case but in the light of the evidence it would be dismissed on payment of 4s. costs.

Chief Inspr. Butcher said it was not incumbent on the police to provide notices in all passages. There were many passages in the town without notices.

The Chairman said personally he was very keen to stop the practise but he thought notices should be provided. Only the previous day he saw two people rushing down Tomson's-passage on their cycles. "We do feel that notices should be exhibited," said the chairman.

Chief Inspr. Butcher: I agree it would help. I hope it won't be taken for granted that cyclists can use passages because no notices are exhibited.

The Clerk said that only that morning he and the Chairman were walking along a passage to the court when a cyclist came up behind them. He persisted until they stood in the way and he could not pass.

Chief Inspr. Butcher: We are on the offensive, sir.

FARMHOUSE SAVED

BIG FIRE AT BIRCHINGTON

Margate and Birchington sections of the National Fire Service were called to a fire at Great Brooks End Farm, farmed by Mr. W. C. Smith, on Friday.

An outhouse caught fire and was completely gutted but the firemen were successful in saving the farmhouse, which was only slightly scorched.

Two pumps from Birchington and one from Margate attended the fire.

Twice Torpedoed

WESTGATE MAN RECEIVES D.S.M.

Twice torpedoed since 1940, P/O Charles William Knight, R.N., son of Mrs. and the late Mr. S. C. Knight, of 56 Belmont-road, Westgate, attended a recent investiture at Buckingham Palace and received from the King the Distinguished Service Medal.

P/O Knight, a first-class direction-finder, received the award for distinguished service on H.M.S. Pelican when the ship was torpedoed off Norway in March, 1940. The stern of the ship was blown away and splendid seamanship alone brought her 1,000 miles back to port.

For some weeks after his arrival back in England, P/O Knight was in hospital suffering from shock. Later he was aboard another ship which was damaged by a torpedo but again returned safely.

A native of Westgate, P/O Knight attended St. Saviour's School. Joining the Royal Navy, he was posted to his first ship in 1918 and has served all over the world.

Since the war he has escorted Commando raiders and has been with convoys to Russia and Malta.

P/O Knight, whose wife formerly lived at Vicarage-place, Margate, has an 18-year-old son waiting to join the Navy.

RAMSGATE DAY

GUILDFORD'S BIG EFFORT

Free Holidays for Ramsgate Youth

It was "Ramsgate Day" at Guildford on Saturday.

A flag day and entertainments had been organised and it is estimated that about £1,000 was raised for Guildford's "adopted" town.

The suggestion that Guildford should adopt Ramsgate was made recently when the Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) addressed a series of meetings at Guildford and the Mayor and people of Guildford have not let the grass grow under their feet.

The latest development is a week-end holiday scheme whereby Guildford youth will entertain the youth of Ramsgate, and pay all expenses.

Among the flag sellers at Guildford were the Mayor and Mayoress of Ramsgate and the Mayor's secretary, Mrs. D. Peete.

By Saturday night £400 had been collected and there were then over 120 boxes not accounted for. The flag day alone is expected to realise £600 and donations amounted to another £200.

"They told us it was the most successful flag day ever held in Guildford," said Alderman Kempe to an ADVERTISER & ECHO reporter. "The people of Guildford responded most generously and enthusiastically and in the first box I collected £4 8s. 11d., of which £3 8s. was in silver."

Other events held during the day were a concert given by the Pelwey Entertainers, and a dance. Both gatherings were addressed by Alderman Kempe.

During his visit representatives of the Onslow Youth Movement, a flourishing Guildford organisation with over two thousand members, waited on the Mayor and placed before him a scheme for week-end holidays at Guildford for the youth of Ramsgate.

As a result groups of 20 Ramsgate youths—boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 25—are to visit Guildford at intervals for week-end holidays, all their expenses being paid by the Onslow Youth Organisation. They will travel up on Saturday afternoons and return on Monday evenings.

The first group will be visiting Guildford at Whitsun week-end and anyone desirous of taking advantage of this most generous offer should make application to Mrs. Peete at Clarendon House by Saturday next.

Although Ramsgate cannot reciprocate at the present time as the town is in a restricted area, it is hoped to return the compliment after the war.

LIGHT ON SEAFRONT

BROADSTAIRS WOMAN SUMMONED

Alleged to have told a police officer that he was being very ridiculous, Mrs. Emma Ley-Masters, of Victoria-parade, Broadstairs, was summoned at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday, for permitting an unscreened light to show during the black-out.

S/C Barker said at 10 p.m. on 20th April he was on duty at Victoria-parade, Broadstairs, when a bright light suddenly appeared at a ground floor window. It was a bay window facing the sea. He knocked at the door and defendant answered. After admitting responsibility she said "You are being very ridiculous. I only put the light on to see to put the black-out up." The bulb was of the 25-watt type and was alight for about three minutes.

Defendant told the bench that she had been out and on her return switched on the light to see if she had put a shilling in the meter. She did not agree that the light was shining for as long as three minutes.

Announcing that the case would be dismissed on payment of 4s. costs, the Chairman (Mr. J. H. Millar) said the offence was a serious one.

REDUCED PAYMENTS

FOR COUNCIL HOUSE EVACUEES

The report of the Housing Committee, being presented at a meeting of Margate Council to-day, states that the Borough Treasurer (Mr. I. M. Cowan) reported generally on the payments being made by tenants of Corporation houses who have evacuated and left their houses furnished, and on an interview which he had with the Ministry of Health on the matter.

The committee recommended that evacuated tenants be charged as from 1st April, 1942, an amount representing 40 per cent. of the normal inclusive rental of their occupied houses and if such amounts be paid they be accepted in full settlement of their rent liabilities from that date. The arrears up to 31st March are to be carried forward on the tenants' rent books.

Tenders amounting in the aggregate to £2,026 18s. 6d. have been accepted for the painting of Corporation houses.

PERFECT SOLDIER

SENTENCED FOR LOOTING

THEFT FROM BOMBED HOTEL

A soldier stationed at Ramsgate was sentenced to three months imprisonment at Margate police court on Friday for the theft of a clock in glass case, value £2, from the Queen's Highcliffe Hotel, Margate, which had been damaged by enemy action.

L/Bdr. Thomas John Long, aged 28, pleaded not guilty to the offence.

Frank George Mackie, caretaker of the hotel, said he visited the premises daily. On 7th January he noticed that several clocks were missing from the lounge and writing-room mantelshelfs. He obtained a catologue of the clocks in the hotel, checked it, and found that four were missing. He informed the police and identified the clock shown him as one of those missing. He valued it at £5. About 50 rooms in the north front of the hotel had been damaged by enemy air action.

D/S Presland said that on 27th April he went to Ramsgate with D/C Tinson and saw accused. He told him he was making inquiries respecting a clock reported stolen from the Queen's Highcliffe Hotel, about 7th January, when accused was stationed at Cliftonville. He had reason to believe that accused was in possession of a clock at that time. Long replied "I had a clock which I picked up off a heap of rubbish outside the hotel. It was broken and I threw it over the cliff." Witness told him that further inquiries would be made at his home and asked him if he was sure he threw it over the cliff, and he answered "Yes."

Lied to Detective.

Continuing, witness said on 1st May he went to Ramsgate with D/C Wren and again saw accused. He told him he had recovered a clock from the home of his mother, where it was alleged accused took it. It had been identified as one of those missing from the hotel. Asked if it was the one the threw over the cliff, accused replied "Yes, I took it home. I did not steal it." He was taken to the police station and when charged with the offence said "I found it on a heap of rubbish outside the hotel."

Recalled, Mr. Mackie said the rooms from which the clocks were stolen were not damaged. The premises were open at the time as workmen were in. The clock was not damaged when he last saw it.

To the magistrates defendant said "When I told that lie to the detective, I also told him I tried to make it go, but failed. The clock, when I picked it up, was black on top and wet. Also, the pendulum was lying inside. On Tuesday when I went home my father told me he had had the clock repaired."

The Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said defendant, a married man, was a native of London. His wife was living at Warminster and had two orphans staying with her. Defendant had a very good character and had formerly been employed by several firms of printers.

An officer in accused's regiment said Long was a perfect soldier, and they were satisfied with his progress. He had been in no trouble before and was a useful man.

Passing sentence, the Chairman (Mr. B. J. Garraway) said it was a very serious offence and it was very distressing to see defendant in such a position. In view of his good character they would deal leniently with him.

N.F.S. TELEPHONIST FINED

LIGHT AT READING STREET

Mary Elizabeth King, a telephonist in the N.F.S., was fined 10s. at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday, for allowing an unscreened light to shine during the black-out at her home at Trinity-square, Reading Street, St. Peter's.

W/R Christmas said that at 11.20 p.m. on 21st April he was called to 4 Trinity-square, Reading Street, St. Peter's, where he saw a light shining through the top front window. He went round the back and observed another light but it was hardly noticeable. He knocked at the door and receiving no reply, broke a window on the ground floor and entered. On the top landing he discovered a light shining through an open bedroom door to the front of the house. He extinguished the light and left. The next day he saw defendant at the police station and she admitted responsibility. When he told her she would be summoned she replied "I left in the day-time about 4 p.m. and forgot to switch the light off."

A letter from defendant was read by the Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan), in which she stated that when she left in the day-time the light was on but she did not realise it. She tendered her apologies and would see that it did not occur again.

BALANCED BUDGET

Margate Borough Treasurer (Mr. I. M. Cowan) has reported to the Finance Committee of the Council that no special Government financial assistance was required or received in respect of the month of April.

ABSOLUTELY UNRELIABLE

HUSBAND SENT TO PRISON

"We have had enough of your promises. They are absolutely unreliable," said the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) at Ramsgate police court on Monday to a husband who was sentenced to two months imprisonment for failing to maintain his wife and two children.

Defendant, Cecil Maurice Cayzer, of Hamilton-road Sidcup, was summoned for being £86 19s. in arrear under an order for the payment of £1 5s. a week in respect of his wife, Mrs. May Cayzer, and 2s. 6d. a week in respect of each of their two children.

The Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight) said defendant had made no payment since 7th January.

In reply to the Chairman, defendant said he had been working all the time and earned an average of £7 a week.

Referring to his obligations, defendant said he was living with a woman by whom he had had three children, aged eight months, three years and four years. The rent of the house was £1 a week and the rates 10s. a week. He was in arrears with his rates and also on the hire purchase of the furniture. If he went to prison he would lose his job and other people would suffer.

The Clerk pointed out that it was the first time that defendant had told the magistrates about the other woman and children, although he had been before the court several times.

Defendant replied that he thought the magistrates knew it.

"Your first obligation is to your wife and children," said Mr. Knight.

Announcing the decision of the bench, the Chairman said Cayzer had repeatedly made promises but had failed to keep them.

Defendant: Can I go and collect my tools?

The Chairman: No, you will go to prison straight away.

Bandmasters In The Making

S.E. COMMAND HOME OF KNELLER HALL

In a rambling country house somewhere in South Eastern Command 30 N.C.Os. are training to become military bandmasters. Their guide, philosopher and friend is genial Lt.-Col. H. E. Adkins, Commandant and Chief Instructor of the Royal Military School of Music, who this week has completed 42 years service in the Army.

The musicians in search of honours at the war-time headquarters of the school have a full-time job to perform. They work seven days a week at their duties and in helping to entertain the troops.

Kneller Hall, whose traditions and influence for so many years extended over a wide area of the globe, ceased to function on the outbreak of the present war. Since the December of 1939, however, its valuable work, on a somewhat smaller scale than in the piping times of peace, has been continued at the S.E. Command establishment.

A "student's" course for bandmastership is one of three years. In order to qualify as a probationer, he must be a non-commissioned officer, possess a first-class certificate of education, be a first-class performer on his military band instrument, and finally be highly recommended by his commanding officer from every point of view.

He must then pass an entrance examination in elements of music, elementary harmony, free counterpoint, history of music, aural training, and elementary military band instrumentation.

Having entered the school, he is considered as being on probation for a period of six months, and should he prove unsuitable, he is returned to his unit.

An examination in harmony, counterpoint, instrumentation and aural is held annually for each class of students which has completed two years of study. The Board of Examiners is represented by the Royal Academy of Music, the Royal College of Music and a serving Director of Music.

In his final year the student must compose and arrange a quick march for military band, compose a choral work for voices (in four parts), compose and arrange a work for brass band, and transcribe a standard orchestral work for the military band. This year is known as the "competition" year; prizes are presented for the best works submitted and marks are allotted. Marks are also allotted for conducting, which as well as the military band includes a full choral church service, and the total aggregate of these marks (including the War Office examination) decides the student's final position on the War Office roll for appointment to bandmaster.

Although war-time conditions have made it impossible to carry out the curriculum exactly as in times of peace, one or two very distinct advantages have accrued as a result of these conditions. The very fact of the establishment being so drastically reduced has enabled the Commandant to devote far more personal attention to each individual student than was ever possible at Kneller Hall, and the immense amount of first-hand experience in the many and diverse forms of public entertainment garnered by the students during the past two years must be considered invaluable.

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AFTER THE WAR

PROMOTION OF THE PEOPLE'S PLEASURES

By DOUGLAS GOLDRING

When all human progress is temporarily frustrated by the horror and insanity of warfare, the best way to keep cheerful is to think and plan for the future.

What can we do to make England a happier land—"après la guerre finie"? After the war is over, we must face the fact that we shall almost certainly be poorer than we are now, our money may have lost much of its purchasing power and most of our energies and resources will no doubt be needed for urgent public works of reconstruction.

We cannot expect that funds will be readily available for improvements which, even before the war, were long overdue. Funds, however, are not needed to give us freedom from fussy interference with our legitimate amusements. That at least we can secure if we demand it. It will cost us nothing. More important than an expenditure of public money, for the promotion of happiness and contentment in this country, is a complete change of heart on the part of our rulers in regard to their attitude towards the people's pleasures. This change we can all of us help to bring about.

Warning and a Guide.

The era of grudged "concessions" to popular demands for the right to make the fullest possible use of all the amenities which are part of our national heritage, can and should be ended. The last Great War proved how stupid and wasteful, indeed how appallingly dangerous, is the mania for obstruction—for the mere sake of obstruction—which seems engrained in the bureaucratic mind. The hope of victory was only "conceded" to the nation, in that desperate struggle, after bureaucratic opposition to the use of tanks and the introduction of the convoy system had been overcome by outside pressure. That should be both a warning and a guide.

We must make sure then that, when this war is over, in regard to all matters concerning the people's legitimate pleasures and amusements, the whole idea of "concession" is eliminated, and every absurd and out-of-date restriction abolished. Freedom is part of our national heritage and unless we preserve it the war will have been fought in vain. There must be no more "class" legislation, designed to harass the 90 per cent., or more, of the population whose only crime is to have an income of less than £500 a year. Instead, we need to infuse into the minds of our legislators, our municipal authorities and our magistrates something of the Christian spirit of that great pioneer, George Lansbury. In future, there must be no place in our public life for little home-made dictators.

London's First Lido.

Over ten years have elapsed since the late Mr. George Lansbury, then First Commissioner of Public Works, broke down the barriers of official obstruction and gave Londoners their first Lido. For years the Serpentine had been the people's property, but not until George Lansbury became a Minister of the Crown were they permitted by their rulers to make full use of their own possession. The cost to the taxpayer of this great improvement, which has given health and pleasure to hundreds of thousands of people, besides adding to the attractions of London from the tourist standpoint, was practically nil. This is but one example of what can be done to make England a pleasanter country to live in, without increasing the taxpayer's burden.

In a letter to the press shortly after his retirement from office, Mr. Lansbury made some suggestions which we should do well to bear in mind when an opportunity comes to give effect to them. "We shall never get the parks and open spaces in this country properly organised and utilised," he wrote, "until we are sensible enough to establish a Ministry of Joy and Pleasure. . . The parks of London, those under the L.C.C. and the Office of Works, are in many ways splendid, and so are the commons round London, but all of them, with relatively small expenditure, much of which would be repayable in actual cash, need development. The railings, both inside and outside the parks, are still a ghastly eyesore. The absence of facilities for refreshment, and the continual refusal of those in authority to allow summer and winter palaces which could be used for concerts, dances, and other forms of recreation, is simply childish. All these things could be put right if people would only understand that healthy recreation is as much a necessity of life as food and drink."

Concession to Commonsense.

Mr. Lansbury actually succeeded in getting some of the refreshment rooms in the parks under his control licensed to sell beer! It sounds incredible, but there was a violent outcry against this belated concession to commonsense. Had any other minister attempted to put through this simple reform, his private life would almost certainly have been probed by the infuriated kill-joys in search of damaging evidence of a taste for drink or a financial interest in breweries. Unfortunately for the fanatical and very intemperate temperance advocates, everybody knows that Mr. Lansbury, throughout his long life, had been a teetotaller and a non-smoker as well as a devout Christian. His position was therefore unassailable. The immediate popularity and success of his pioneer measures for promoting the people's welfare soon silenced criticism. It is astonishing that none of his successors in office has developed the policy which he inaugurated, but his example has had some effect on municipal authorities, and ratepayers, if they exert themselves, can see that it has more.

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News of decorations awarded, promotions and other items of similar interest will be particularly welcomed.

The Editor also welcomes the submission of photographs, which will be published free of charge to relatives.

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WOMEN'S CHAT

MAYTIME MENU

On every hand we see well tended plots of land. There are rows upon rows of tender green shoots all growing up to be food that will bring us health and vitality.

In the country and on commons and heaths Nature is generously presenting us with free spring tonics in the form of young dandelion leaves, nettle tops, sorrel, wild garlic, bracken fronds and such things, like a benevolent family doctor.

Let us take the fullest advantage of all the vegetables and herbs we can get, both raw and cooked. In so doing we shall be helping out the rations, aiding the food situation and taking in a good supply of the vitamins and mineral salts which we need to keep us on our toes for strenuous jobs.

Here are two ways of serving one of the most valuable of our free foods, namely, nettle tops.

Nettles as a Vegetable.

Fill a big colander with young freshly gathered nettle tops and rinse them thoroughly under the cold water tap. Put just enough water in a pan to prevent burning, bring it to the boil, add salt and put in the nettles, cover closely and cook for ten minutes. Strain off the liquid and save for soup; mash the cooked nettles to a pulp, adding a few shreds of margarine if you can spare it, and serve as a second vegetable in place of spinach or any other greenstuff.

Nettle Mealies

(A novel breakfast dish)

Cook the nettles as above, meanwhile fry any odd and untidy pieces of bacon you may have in your ration. Strain the nettles, pour the bacon fat over them and pour a quarter of a breakfastcupful of the nettle liquor into the frying pan. When it boils sprinkle in three tablespoonsful of medium oatmeal, stirring all the time. Season with pepper and a little more salt if necessary and cook until it is of the consistency of very stiff porridge, stirring all the time to prevent burning. (About 5 minutes.) Then stir in the well-mashed cooked nettles, blending them thoroughly with the oatmeal. Form into individual mounds and serve with the fried bacon.

May Day Salad.

1 lb. small carrots
Heart of a small cabbage
2 tablespoonsful of well chopped mint
½ lb. small spinach
Small bunch young radishes
4 tablespoonsful home-made salad dressing

Scrape the carrots and with the potato peeler shave them lengthways into long curls. Separate spinach into leaves, putting the stalks aside to cook later, shred the cabbage heart, prepare the radishes. Arrange the spinach leaves round the cabbage in a flat bowl, decorate with radishes and carrot curls. Stir the mint into the salad cream and dress the salad.

Spring Vegetable Toasts.

Dice and shred root and green vegetables, the more varieties the better, including potato, and cook them all together in a very little hot salted water for ten minutes with the lid closely on. Strain them, add a little more salt if necessary, a dash of pepper, a few shavings of margarine, two big tablespoonsful of chopped parsley and two tablespoonsful of milk. Well blend and thoroughly mash the mixture. Pile portions on lightly margarined hot toast and put under the grill for a moment.

Grate a little cheese if you can spare it and sprinkle on top of the toasts before putting them under the grill.

COUNCIL BUY PROPERTY

The Ministry of Health have raised no objection to Ramsgate Council proceeding with the purchase of properties included in the Leopold-street compulsory purchase order in cases where the owners are pressing for settlement.

The Council have therefore decided to purchase Nos. 23, 25 and 27 Princes-street for £140, plus surveyor's fees and legal costs, and No. 9 York-terrace for £600, plus similar fees and costs—the prices agreed by the District Valuer—and have applied for formal consent to borrow the necessary money.

RECORDS KEPT UP-TO-DATE

Before reporting for military service, Mr. B. F. M. Wilkening, records and filing clerk in Ramsgate Town Clerk's department, assisted by Mrs. Wilkening, a temporary clerk in the Borough Surveyor's department, worked a substantial number of hours overtime for three months to bring the files and records up-to-date.

For the overtime worked by them the Finance Committee of the Council have decided to pay Mr. and Mrs. Wilkening a sum of £6.

OUR COMPLETE STORY

Held by Drought

By SIDNEY ESMOND

Old George Westby leaned over a rustic gate staring pensively down the High Street. Nothing moved to disturb the morning peace. Not even a cat sprawled in the sunlight, or a dog wandered with lazy intent.

Above his head a crazy signboard displayed the notice " Teas " in straggling capitals. A ramshackle yard, which served as a pull-in for motorists pausing for refreshment, opened on his right. There was a single petrol pump, weather stained and forlorn amidst a clutter of old tyres, and oddments, a few battered oil drums, and a watering can for filling radiators.

Round the bend, by the grocer's, a solitary figure came into view, walking slowly with a pail suspended from crooked arm. The old man straightened himself a little, and waited.

She came up to him, a small wrinkled woman.

" Finished, Marthy?" he queried softly.

She looked at him, and smiled.

" Yes, George, it's all spick and span for young Mr. Dutton," she said.

" Aye," he answered, then after a moment added " I wish you wouldn't do it. We're comfortable now with the bits of teas, the few gallons of petrol, and the drop of oil we sell, besides the odd jobs I do. Why don't you let a younger woman do it?"

He opened the gate. She went inside.

" I've cleaned the Bank every Wednesday and Friday morning for twenty odd years, George," she told him. " I couldn't bear to see anyone else going down with scrubbing brush and pail. I wouldn't think Mr. Dutton'd be comfortable."

He nodded sympathetically.

" We were glad of the few shillings each week years ago," she went on. " Young Mr. Dutton and his father have been good to us."

George Westby agreed with her.

" Aye," he said.

They walked along a short path to the white-washed cottage.

" He'll be along presently," said the old man, " with a powerful pot of money seeing as it's pay day for the airydrome up the hill."

Martha nodded.

" I do think someone should come with him on Fridays," she remarked. " Nearly eight hundred pounds he brings."

George Westby scratched his head reflectively.

' Ain't ever seen so much all at once," he observed whimsically. " Must be a grand sight."

Martha said it must be, nice crisp notes and shining silver.

" And him coming all the way from Barnborough," she said, and followed the old man into the cottage.

" I wonder what he would like for lunch?" she queried. " You'd better ask him when he brings his car."

George Westby said he would.

A Faulty Alarm.

" Another thing," she continued. " Before I forget. That alarm bell on the wall outside isn't working. I accidentally touched the thing he presses with his foot and it didn't ring."

" Mebbe I'll have a look at it," suggested the old man.

" Yes."

A few moments later they heard a car run into the yard and stop.

" He's here now," observed Martha.

George went laboriously through a side door to see a young man alighting from a chocolate-coloured car.

" Hullo, Mr. Westby," he called. " No rain yet."

" No," answered George. " And the ground all cracking and the dust flying. It'll be serious soon."

" Yes," said Mr. Dutton. " I suppose it will."

He opened the rear door lifting a heavy leather bag from the back seat.

" Glad hearts up the hill to-day," he observed jocularly.

" It's a big responsibility for you, Mr. Dutton," said George, eyeing the bag with awe and picturing wads of notes and bags of coin.

" Well, yes," answered the young man. " They might come for it before half-past two. Get it off my hands. But there, I don't suppose they want it hanging about until they're ready for it."

George said " No."

" What's for lunch to-day?" went on Mr. Dutton. " That's the most important question."

" I was to ask about it," answered George. " What would you like?"

" Anything, Mr. Westby, chop in with the family, you know." He smiled disarmingly.

" Very good, sir, I'll tell Marthy, and come along with it about one o'clock. I'm doing a bit of hedge trimming along the road."

" Who'll look after the business?" asked Mr. Dutton. " Teas and petrol?"

" Ain't likely to be much in the way of teas," the old man told him. " And Marthy can pump a couple o' gallons of petrol into a tank."

Mr. Dutton nodded his head, gripping the bag ready to depart. " I suppose she can," he commented. " You know, Mr. Westby, she is a wonderful woman."

George Westby looked at him as though he was usurping a personal right of pride. Then he said quietly:

" Aye, she is."

Mr. Dutton turned to go.

" Mr. Dutton, sir," said the old man. " Marthy says the alarm bell isn't working."

" No—been out of order a fortnight. Forgot all about it."

George Westby shook his head admonishingly.

" It's not safe, Mr. Dutton," he declared. " Mebbe I'll have a look at it when I bring your lunch."

" I wish you would," said Mr. Dutton. " It will have to be put right."

" Yes," assented George. " It's lonely down there, and you with all that money."

Mr. Dutton laughed.

" I'm not frightened," he said. " Not likely any bandits will come this way."

Then he went out of the yard whistling with lighthearted gaiety, and carrying the heavy bag. George Westby watched until he turned the corner by the petrol pump, then shook his head slowly. He was perturbed.

He went back into the house.

" Well, I'll be going," he said " It'll not take me long to finish that bit of hedge. I'll be back before one."

The old fellow went along the short path and cut through the gate, walking slowly towards the open country.

The sun was warm. Myriads of insects buzzed about the hedgerows, and tiny dust clouds rose from his feet at every step. A squadron of aeroplanes droned overhead fading gradually into the distance. Then all was peace again with the dusty road stretching between bushes and tall trees to the dim smudge of smoke above a distant town.

Half a mile from the last cottage George Westby paused, unwrapped his shears and sickle from a piece of old sacking, threw off his jacket, and commenced lopping down encroaching branches over-reaching the road.

He worked steadily for some time. Then he ceased, sitting upon the grassy bank to enjoy a short smoke.

Enquiring Strangers.

A green saloon car sped towards him and drew up. Two men were inside. One of them lowered a window and called.

" Hi, gaffer."

George glanced up staring stupidly at the sleek faced man.

" Were you wanting something?" he asked. " Lost, eh?"

" Don't know as we are lost," the man said. " Isn't there an aerodrome along here somewhere, by a village?"

George nodded his head deliberately.

" Aye," he told him. " Top of a hill, half a mile, or more yet. If it's the airydrome you want, turn off by the bridges."

" We don't want an aerodrome," declared the man with a sly grin. "Not to-day, anyway."

His companion laughed, curling his lip with derision at the sight of the old man sitting on the bank with a short clay pipe.

" What sort of a place is this village?" demanded the first man.

" Quiet like," answered George. " Not much doing just now."

" Oh, many people about the streets?"

" Only got one street," George Westby informed him. " Few shops and a couple of pubs right down the other end."

" Police station there?"

The old man regarded the sky reflectively.

" Aye," he announced presently, " there is. Sergeant Tiles lives in the third cottage as you go in. Are you wanting a police station?"

" We ran over a dog a way back," came the explanation. " Must report it."

George nodded, muttering " Just so."

" What else is there? Anything worth stopping to have a look at?" went on the man.

George appeared to ruminate upon what was likely to interest the strangers.

" A church, a post office—and a bank."

The old man drawled his words, eyeing the two men with calculating gaze. He noticed the slight start they gave when he mentioned a bank.

They turned to each other.

" That's good," one said. " We can cash a cheque."

The other man looked back at George.

" Can we leave the car anywhere whilst we have a look round?" he asked.

" Oh, aye!" said Westby. " You'll see a cottage where they sell teas and petrol. There's only an old woman by herself. You can put the car in the yard."

" That's fine—just suit us."

They appeared elated at what seemed a stroke of good fortune. George nodded.

" Thought it would," he commented, vaguely.

George Ruminates.

They drove on, leaving a trail of fine dust swirling into the air. When the car had passed from sight he took the pipe from his mouth, pressing down the tobacco with a coarse forefinger. Then he stared at the sky, scratching scanty grey hair above his temples.

He rose, wrapped up his shears and sickle, set his face towards the village, and trudged along.

Half an hour later he came to the first cottages. He knocked on the door of the third, which had a police sign above the fanlight. Mrs. Tiles confronted him.

" Hallo, George!" she said. " Ted's out."

The old man nodded sagely.

" Thought I'd make sure," he answered. " Had two men in a green car asking for him?"

" Yes," Mrs. Tiles told him. " Run over a dog, they said."

" That's right," agreed George.

" They're coming back," observed the sergeant's wife. " Said they were looking round the village."

" All right," answered George. " I just wondered."

He ambled on. In the yard beside the petrol pump stood the green car. Martha was filling the tank. She looked up as he approached.

" Finished, George?" she asked.

" No," he replied. " Where are they?"

He pointed to the car. Martha regarded him quizzically.

" Why?" she queried.

" I saw them down the road," he explained. " They were powerful interested in a lot of things."

Martha turned off the petrol flow, then screwed the top on the tank.

" Aye," she observed. " They were inquisitive."

" Might be just curious," he suggested.

" What's bothering you, George?" she asked.

Old Westby rubbed the back of his head. She watched him keenly.

" You thinking of Mr. Dutton and that money?" she whispered.

George appeared a little sheepish.

" I were," he admitted.

Martha laughed with shrill tones.

" So you came all the way back, not to look after me, but the money what don't belong to you?" she commented.

He said " Marthy " reproachfully.

Then she smiled at him.

" Old Marthy can looked after herself, eh, George?" she asked.

" Reckon so," he muttered.

She pursed her lips into a grim line.

" Marthy can," she affirmed. " Marthy can do a powerful lot."

He followed her through the side door into the cottage. A tray set with knife, fork and plate stood on the dresser.

" You can take Mr. Dutton his lunch in a minute," she told him.

" Strain the potatoes," she ordered. " And don't lose any like you mostly do."

A few minutes later he left the cottage carrying the tray covered with a clean white cloth. He proceeded leisurely. As he turned the bend by the grocer's he saw the two men approaching.

They were walking without hurry, laughing easily. One carried a raincoat, although the sky was blue and cloudless. George thought it bulged a little. As he drew near they nudged each other.

" Hallo, gaffer," the sleek-faced one said. " Making yourself useful?"

George murmured " Aye."

" Smells good. Who's that for?"

" Mr. Dutton down at the bank," George told them.

They looked at one another.

" Forgot to cash that chenue," one commented.

" We'll get a spot of lunch first," the other said. " Plenty of time."

" All right—so long, gaffer."

George ambled on.

Silence at the Bank.

He came to the bank. It was a single-roomed structure in red brick standing on ground opposite the church. The door was wide open. On the wall was a great bell that rang with a resounding note. George regarded it reflectively. Then he entered.

" Mr. Dutton," he called, staring at the long counter with its iron grille, ink-pot, pens, and blotting-paper.

" Mr. Dutton."

There was no sign of the familiar figure. George hesitated. Then he placed the tray upon the one chair, crept fearfully, to the counter-flap, lifted it and passed through.

He paused, gazing down at the young man lying huddled in the alleyway between the counter and the wall.

" Mr. Dutton," he mumbled.

Mr. Dutton moaned and stirred, half raising himself to stare at George.

" They've got it," he groaned. " They've got it."

George stumbled out shouting loudly. The ironmonger came out of his shop to regard the old man quizzically.

" They've robbed the bank," cried George frantically. " The airydrome money's gone."

The ironmonger hurried over.

" I saw two men go in," he said.

" They took the money," went on George in dull tones.

Sergeant Tiles, cycling home along the High Street, paused at the commotion. He heard George mumbling about the " airydrome money," and went into the bank, coming out again with serious face.

" They came in a green car," George told him with faltering voice. " Marthy filled the tank. They'll get right away."

The sergeant looked glum. A small knot of people had gathered, peering and muttering.

" Look after him in there," called the sergeant. Then he hurried on with George following as fast as his old legs could take him.

Martha was drawing water at the pump when Sergeant Tiles strode up the path. She glanced up inquiringly.

" The green car?" he demanded brusquely.

" Went off five minutes ago," she answered slowly.

" Did you notice the number?"

She shook her head.

" No," she told him. " I never bothered."

The sergeant snorted, glaring furiously at the old woman.

" They've robbed the bank," he thundered.

" Aye," she said mildly. " I did think they were up to no good."

" We'll never get them," observed Sergeant Tiles. " Why didn't you notice the number?"

" You're wasting time," she rasped. " They can't get far. I emptied the water out of the radiator."

The End

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

DEEDS OF DERRING-DO

From East Barnet, Herts, a reader writes to the Advertiser & Echo:

"I enclose a further three months subscription. I never spend money with quite such satisfaction as I spend this for news from home. I read with great pride of the deeds of derring-do performed by men of our town and county—they have surely given a taste of their quality to the enemy."

OVERCHARGED FOR BREAD

MARGATE GROCER FINED

Previously fined for selling jam in excess of the maximum price, James Henry Gilham, aged 77, grocer, of Byron-avenue, Margate, was fined £2 at Margate police court on Wednesday for a similar offence in respect of bread.

Defendant wrote to the court pleading guilty and stating that he was under the impression that there was no controlled price for bread.

The Town Clerk (Mr. P. T. Grove) said an order was made by the Ministry of Food fixing the price of bread at 2d. a lb. but in 1941 a direction was made authorising a price of 4½d. for a 2lb. loaf in areas where the population was reduced to 60 per cent. or less, subject to retailers applying for a license to sell at that price. The maximum price chargeable in Margate was 4½d.

On 23rd March, said the Town Clerk, a member of the Food Office staff made test purchases at defendant's shop and among the articles she bought was a 2lb. loaf, for which she was charged 4½d. The Enforcement Officer (Mr. E. J. Burgess) was in the shop at the time. When the transaction was completed the attention of defendant was called to the order and he said he had been charging 4½d. for some time to chance and credit customers, and 4d. to regular cash customers. He said he had no knowledge of the order.

Mr. Grove said it might appear a small case but by charging 4½d. defendant increased his profit on a loaf by 50 per cent.

It was stated that in March, 1941, defendant was fined £1 for selling jam at more than the maximum price.

An application for costs was not granted.

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G.P.O. Promotions

PRESENTATIONS AT RAMSGATE

The fourth of a series of promotions from among the staff of Ramsgate G.P.O. during the past year was honoured on Thursday, when Mr. L. W. O. Smith, sorting clerk and telegraphist, who was recently appointed postmaster at Birchington, was presented by the postmaster and staff at Ramsgate and Broadstairs with a handsome oak coffee table.

The other promotions mentioned during the ceremony were those of Mr. R. Adams, sorting clerk and telegraphist, who has been appointed clerical officer at Cambridge, Miss A. E. Reader, sorting clerk and telegraphist, and Miss E. A. L. Cox, assistant supervisor, telephones, Broadstairs, who have both been appointed to the Assistance Board.

Two more members of the Ramsgate postal staff, Mr. B. W. Lock, sorting clerk and telegraphist, and Mr. A. Smart, rural postman, have also been awarded the Imperial Service Medal by the King in recognition of meritorious services. Both Mr. Lock and Mr. Smart, who were recently due to retire, are patriotically carrying on for the duration of the war but unfortunately Mr. Smart met with a bicycle accident a few days after he would normally have retired and is still in hospital suffering from a fractured thigh.

The postmaster, Mr. W. Edis, M.B.E., who made the presentations on Thursday, was supported by Mr. P. F. Riches, superintendent, Mr. H. E. Knivett, overseer, and a large number of members of the staff.

Mr. Edis said it was with much gratification that they learned Mr. Smith had been appointed postmaster at Birchington as it was about 15 years since a member of the Ramsgate staff had been selected for a postmastership, although his was the culmination of four promotions made from Ramsgate during the past 12 months.

Describing Mr. Smith as a real good chap, Mr. Edis said he had no doubt the right man had been selected and as he still had about 18 years service in front of him he had the postal world at his feet. They could not allow him to leave without some tangible expression of fellowship and goodwill and he had much pleasure in handing to Mr. Smith a coffee table, the gift of his choice, for his new home at Birchington, with their combined good wishes as a memento of his many years service in Ramsgate.

Mr. Smith, thanking the postmaster and his colleagues, said it was a wrench to leave Ramsgate after 25 years but he hoped to justify the confidence shown in him.

Presenting Mr. Lock with the Imperial Service Medal, Mr. Edis said he had technically retired but had stayed on patriotically to help them win the war. He joined the postal service in London in 1898 but resigned to enter the Colonial service and re-entered the postal service at Ipswich in 1911.

Mr. Lock modestly acknowledged the presentation.

Regarding the award of the Imperial Service Medal to Mr. Smart, rural postman in the Cliffs End area, Mr. Edis said steps would be taken to send the medal to him with a letter conveying the sympathy of his colleagues in his accident and their wishes for his long life.

TUNNEL LIGHTING ECONOMY

To economise in the consumption of electric current in the sections of Ramsgate deep tunnel shelters that are used during daylight alerts, re-wiring has been effected so that the lighting can be controlled by marshals from six of the entrances.

The Council have approved the suggestion of the Borough Engineer, Mr. R. D. Brimmell, that the lighting in these sections should be switched off during the daytime, except for alert periods or at times when danger from enemy attack appears imminent.

An exception is being made of the Hereson-road canteen entrance and the canteen itself, where lighting will be maintained continuously.

The Food Ministry estimates that there should be enough tomatoes for everyone to have from 6 to 7 lbs. this summer.

MORE LAND FOR FOOD

PROGRESS AT RAMSGATE

As Courtstairs, Pegwell-road, Ramsgate, will shortly revert to the possession of the Corporation, the Parks and Pleasure Grounds Committee have accepted responsibility for the upkeep of the grounds and greenhouses until the end of the war.

The Superintendent (Mr. R. Clarke) has been instructed to utilise them " in such manner as he may deem desirable."

The committee have deferred until their next meeting consideration of a report from Mr. Clarke as to additional land in the borough which he proposes to cultivate for the production of food.

For the proper working of the land now under cultivation and to obviate hiring machinery for furrowing and heeling in potatoes, £35 is to be spent on extra appliances for the Corporation tractor.

To increase the yield from the potato crops the Superintendent has also been authorised to purchase ten tons of fertiliser at a cost of approximately £9 per ton.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries having urged an increase this season in the production of home food supplies from war-time allotments and the use of gardens of unoccupied houses, the Superintendent has submitted a statement showing the progress of the allotment campaign and the production of crops in Ramsgate since the commencement of the war.

At Thursday's meeting of the Council Councillor P. Turner suggested that greater use should be made for the purpose of food production of the gardens of unoccupied houses. At the present time there were hundreds of gardens throughout the town which were not being cultivated and on the other hand there were many individuals who would be only too pleased to have the opportunity of cultivating the gardens.

Councillor F. C. Miller said he hoped the police would pay a little attention to the allotments at Hereson for children were now running over them and destroying the crops.

Alderman T. W. Mockridge, chairman of the Allotments Committee, said the matter had been considered by the committee but there were certain difficulties. In more than one case they had exercised their powers in this direction and then the persons occupying the property had returned and wanted their gardens. The Government issued many orders but it was not always so easy to carry them out. The committee had been able to satisfy most of the applications made to them for land for allotments. Councillor Turner's suggestion would be further considered at the next meeting of the Allotments Committee.

CIVIC SERVICE

MAYOR AT BIRCHINGTON CHURCH

For the first time since the war the Mayor and Mayoress of Margate (Alderman and Mrs. G. P. Hoare), accompanied by members and officials of the Corporation, attended a civic service at All Saints' Church, Birchington.

The congregation included members of the Civil Defence Services, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, and detachments of the borough police, R.A.F. and the Army.

The Vicar (Rev. N. M. Granville Sharp), welcoming the civic leaders of the borough, said that whatever Sundays might mean to them, the first thing should be to worship God, whether on the golf course, the tennis courts or elsewhere. They were not there that morning to please the Vicar or the Mayor, but to acknowledge, as part of the borough, that they believed in God.

" Too long," said the Vicar, " have we tried to build a world by ourselves and it has been a ghastly tragedy."

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THAT LITTLE REMINDER

HOSPITAL SCHEME'S TENTH YEAR

The importance of endeavouring to obtain new members during the coming year is emphasised in the tenth annual report, just issued, of the Thanet Hospitals Contributory Scheme.

"There are," states the report, signed by Mr. S. W. Smith, chairman, and Mr. T. Wells, treasurer, "many who have intended to join but just require that little reminder to come forward and complete the enrolment form."

The statement of accounts shows that out of a total expenditure of £3,083 9s. 3d. during 1941, the sum of £2 10s. was spent on publicity and advertising.

Of the total income of £3,163 16s. 2d., contributions from the Ramsgate section accounted for £2,355 19s. 8d. and those from the joint section for £688 5s. 10d.

The treatment of members of the Ramsgate section cost £1,491 6s. 9d. and of the joint section £628 14s. 7d.

Administration expenses amounted to £848 0s. 5d.

Income during the year exceeded expenditure by £80 6s. 11d.

Expressing thanks for the untiring and loyal help of the group secretaries, the report also thanks members who, although away from the district, regularly forward their contributions and those who bring them from areas which are temporarily without a group secretary.

"It has been disappointing during the past year," it states, "to learn that former members, suddenly needing hospital treatment, have been out of benefit because they failed to keep up their contributions. It is very important to keep up to date with payments and also to see that dependents who have reached the age of 16 take out cards in their own names."

Announcing that many letters of deep thankfulness have been received from members who have been restored to health, testifying to the care and attention received at the hospitals and to the help membership of the scheme has been to them, the report concludes with an expression of thanks to the staff at Ramsgate and Stafford for their care, interest and unfailing work.

PROBLEM BOY

CAUSED STRIFE AT HOME

A boy aged 14 years and nine months who was stated to have caused strife at home was brought before the magistrates at Margate juvenile court on Wednesday as being in need of control.

The Probation Officer (Mr. A. E. Bray) said that in 1939, together with two other boys, the boy was placed on probation for entering an empty house and causing damage. It was soon evident that at home there was inability to control the boy, and those interested in him had an uphill task. Since returning from Stafford, where he caused no trouble, he had had four jobs. The only trouble with the boy seemed to be mischievousness and destruction. He would probably do well under supervision.

It was stated that the boy would probably make good if he was sent away, either to work or to an approved school, but the boy said he did not wish to leave home yet.

The magistrates adjourned the case for a fortnight.

MARGATE BANDSMAN

KILLED BY ENEMY ACTION

The first member of Margate Salvation Army band to lose his life in the war, Ldg. Acm. Ronald Cook, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cook, of 18 Addiscombe-gardens, Margate, has died from injuries received by enemy action.

Twenty-two years of age, Ldg. Acm. Cook was to have gone on leave last week-end. His mother, who is at present living at Twickenham, had arranged a birthday party for him, and his father, who is still in Margate, had planned to go up and see his son for the first time for two and a half years. The news of his death was received by his father just before he was leaving for Twickenham.

A married man with a baby daughter aged four months, Ldg. Acm. Cook was a keen Salvationist and had been studying to become an officer in the movement.

The funeral took place at Fulford Cemetery, York, on Tuesday.

SUNBEAM TEMPLARS' NEW LEASE OF LIFE

Mr. W. H. Jacobsen, District Counsellor, presided at the quarterly meeting of the Sunbeam Lodge of Good Templars, held at the Foresters' Hall, Ramsgate, on Wednesday.

On behalf of Mrs. Isaacs, the Chief Templar, Mr. Jacobsen thanked the officers and members for the support they had given her during her term of office, and also their many visitors, including the local District Lodge officers.

The attendance of members had improved, said Mr. Jacobsen, and it was safe to say the lodge had taken a new lease of life. It was well over 50 years since the Sunbeam Lodge came into being and according to the records at its institution the pioneers were asked to let their counsels be guided by reason, charity and true wisdom, for the efficiency of an institution depended more upon example and practice of members than upon the precepts or professions.

Mr. Hurst, of the East Kent District Lodge, congratulated the lodge on the success of its efforts.

The report of the secretary, Mrs. Horne, was encouraging, and showed a slight increase in membership. The financial statement submitted by Mr. T. Wright was also satisfactory, and thanks were accorded the officers for their services.

The intercession service was conducted by Mr. T. Wright, assisted by Mrs. Jacobsen and Mr. Horne.

TEMPLARS' QUARTERLY MEETING

The Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., held their quarterly business meeting in the Good Templar Hall, Broadstairs, on Tuesday, the Chief Templar, Mrs. O. E. Fennell, presiding.

Reports were of a satisfactory nature, particularly the juvenile work, and all the officers were re-elected for another term.

Visitors present included Mrs. Isaacs, Mrs. B. Lowe, Mrs. R. A. Watt, P.D.V.T., and Mr. T. Wright, C.C.T., and a very interesting message was received from the Rev. P. W. James, O.B.E., R.A.F.

The intercession service was conducted by Mr. A. B. Impett, P.D.S.J.W.

At the conclusion of the business, community singing was enjoyed and solos were rendered by Mrs. Watt and Mrs. Lowe. Mrs. A. Hawes was the accompanist.

RAMSGATE FREEMAN'S DEATH

PASSING OF MR. J. S. G. LANGLEY

A former Mayor and the first native of Ramsgate to be honoured with the Freedom of the Borough, Mr. John Simon Geneste Langley passed away at a Kentish nursing home on Tuesday at the age of 83.

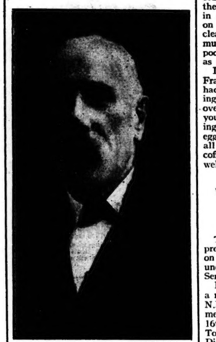
Mr. Langley had been unwell for some time past and since the war had been living at Guilton, Ash, near Canterbury. He leaves a widow, two sons and one daughter.

The funeral took place by cremation at Charing on Friday.

The family mourners were Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Rowe (son-in-law and daughter), and Mr. and Mrs. Stupples.

Representing the borough of Ramsgate were the Deputy Mayor (Alderman T. W. Mockridge), Mr. C. Nixon, a Freeman of the Borough, and the Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis).

Mr. Langley was born in Arklow-square and after attending St. George's School was apprenticed to the building trade. For many years he was in



business as a refreshment house proprietor in King-street and on his retirement went to live at Melancthon Villa, High-street.

Even in his young days Mr. Langley took a keen interest in public affairs and he became a member of the old Isle of Thanet Board of Guardians, which used to meet at Hill House, Minster, in 1904. He served on the Board for over 30 years and for two years held the post of chairman. For a number of years also he was chairman of the Finance Committee.

During the last war Mr. Langley took an active part in connection with the Local Defence Force and in 1917, when many people had left the town, he entered Ramsgate Town Council as a representative of the East Cliff Ward.

From that time until his retirement in November, 1935, he continued a member of the Corporation. He served on all the important committees but was more particularly associated with the Gas and Water Committee, the chairmanship of which he held for nearly ten years. He saw the works transformed from an antiquated business to one of the finest in the country.

In 1929 Mr. Langley was elected an alderman and on 9th November the same year was made Mayor of the borough.

Public Recognition.

Mr. Langley's fine record of public service was recognised in February, 1936, when he was the first native of Ramsgate to receive the Freedom of the Borough. At the same time Councillor Mrs. F. L. Dunn was similarly honoured.

Mr. Langley was the oldest living Old St. Georgian and on 26th October, 1931, celebrated the 50th anniversary of his wedding to Miss Annie Elizabeth Wells, a St. George's old girl.

The occasion was celebrated by a banquet given by Mr. and Mrs. Langley at the Granville Hotel at which many prominent townspeople were present. They were presented, on behalf of the Mayor and Corporation, with a gold cup by the then Mayor, ex-Alderman H. Terry.

In October last year, when Mr. Langley was in failing health, the diamond wedding anniversary was celebrated at Ash. Among the many messages of congratulation received was one from Their Majesties the King and Queen.

Both locally and provincially Mr. Langley attained high rank as a Freemason. In 1913 he was Worshipful Master of the Royal Navy Lodge (No. 429), Ramsgate, of which he was also secretary for a number of years, and nine years later he was Worshipful Master of the St. John's Thanet Lodge (No. 2753), Margate. In 1924 he received provincial honours as P.A.G.D.C. and in 1935 was promoted to the rank of P.P.S.G.D.

Mr. Langley will best be remembered by many for his sporting activities. He was one of the oldest members of the Kent County Football Association, of which he was a vice-president, and for many years he was chairman of Division IV. He was also a member of the committee of the East Kent Amateur League. The high standard of football attained in Ramsgate was largely due to Mr. Langley's efforts and the game has lost one of its most loyal supporters by his passing.

Council Tribute.

Reference to the passing of Mr. Langley was made by the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) at the quarterly meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday.

Mr. Langley always took a live interest in everything concerning the borough, said the Mayor. One could say that he was always alert and never missed an opportunity. Although some of them did not always agree with him they knew how sincerely he tried to do all he could to help forward the work of the Council.

It was agreed that a letter of condolence should be sent to the widow and relatives, and the members stood for a few moments in silent tribute.

Road Repairs.—The County Council have approved an estimate for the expenditure this year of £2,421 15s. on county roads in the Ramsgate area. The Borough Engineer, Mr. R. D. Brimmell, has been authorised by the Town Council to carry out "essential" works of maintenance and repair on district roads in the borough.

DESERT REUNION

BROTHERS MEET OUT EAST

Two Ramsgate brothers, Cpl. A. Dean, R.A.S.C., and Dvr. F. N. Dean, R.A.S.C., have met unexpectedly in the wide open spaces of the Middle East.

They are the sons of Mrs. R. Dean, formerly of 95 High-street, Ramsgate, who is now living at Winchcombe, Gloucestershire.

An old boy of Chatham House School, which he left in 1928, Dvr. Frank Dean served in France and Belgium in the early part of the war and after being evacuated from Dunkirk has been out East for the past 15 months. His brother Arthur has been in the East since September and airgraphs they have sent home describe how they met early in April.

"What a surprise," wrote Arthur, "when Frank walked in on me to-day. We were like a couple of kids, so excited over seeing each other. He is quite close to me, only about a half-hour's run, so I am going to try and pop over to see him. So you see, the world is a small place after all. We have practically been following each other about all these months and we have both been to the same places. It was like old times seeing each other."

Frank, describing the meeting, wrote "As you can imagine, we had a good old chin-wag. Arthur said I gave him the shock of his life when I walked in on him. He is just waiting to go on leave so that he can get a good clean change and a bath—doesn't think much of the desert, says scenery is very poor; still, that is the desert or blue as it is called out here."

In another series of letters Dvr. Frank Dean describes the good time he had while on leave in Cairo, after having been away from civilisation for over four months. "Doesn't it make your mouth water," he wrote, describing meals of chicken, ham, tongue, eggs, ice-cream, fruit salad, cakes of all sorts, tomatoes, milk shakes, tea, coffee, malted milk and chocolate, as well as fish and chips.

VISIT TO RIFLE RANGE

THREE N.F.S. CARS

The report of the Watch Committee presented to Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday contained a paragraph under the heading "National Fire Service—Use of Vehicles."

It read: "The committee considered a report with regard to the use of three N.F.S. cars for the conveyance of members of the N.F.S. in the town on 16th March and received through the Town Clerk the observations of the Divisional Officer."

But the members of the Council were not satisfied with the information contained in the report.

Councillor P. Turner said he wanted to know what it was all about.

Alderman A. E. Petley, chairman of the Watch Committee, said they now had very little control over the fire service. He thought that would be the last meeting at which they would have any control at all.

"The fire service to-day seems to be very peculiar," said Alderman Petley, "and there are several things we do not understand. They buy stuff and the bills are sent to the Borough Treasurer and he can't sort them out. I think we shall be very pleased when the N.F.S. take over financial responsibility."

Councillor Turner said he had not received a reply about the three N.F.S. cars.

Alderman Petley: I don't know it myself and I don't think any other member does.

Councillor Rev. Harcourt Samuel: Can the chairman then give us the observations of the Divisional Officer, referred to in the report.

After some interval, during which the Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis) conferred with Alderman Petley, the alderman said it referred to two cars which took firemen to the rifle range in Cannon-road.

Councillor Harcourt Samuel pressed to know the observations of the Divisional Officer

Councillor Austin: The chairman of the Watch Committee should be in a position to give these answers.

Alderman C. R. Woodhams said he had just recalled that it was reported to the committee that firemen had used cars to take them to a rifle match at Cannon-road range. It was also reported that the cars had been used for business in connection with the N.F.S. and were in the vicinity of the range. It was a trifling matter and passed out of their minds.

Alderman Petley said it was only a small matter and it had been sprung on him that afternoon without notice.

DIVE BOMBER

CRONIN PLAY AT KING'S

A flying film in technicolor and the screen version of an A. J. Cronin play are being presented at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

Heading the bill to-day and to-morrow is "Dive Bomber," a thrilling saga of the air. The film deals with a completely new subject—the work of specialists of whom there are a mere handful to-day. They are the flight surgeons, medical scientists out to solve the mysteries of the stratosphere. Planes and plane motors have been so far advanced by man that man is not physically or mentally equipped to keep up with them. Therefore the dread "black out" of dive bomber pilots, altitude sickness, pilot fatigue and other bewildering ailments, all serious, that have been revealed only since planes have been made powerful enough to take men so high into the air. Errol Flynn, Fred MacMurray and Alexis Smith head the cast.

Chief feature for the latter part of the week is "Shining Victory," with James Stephenson and Geraldine Fitzgerald. It is a tightly-knit drama dealing with the innermost thoughts of women's minds, as divulged by modern psychiatric methods. A. J. Cronin, whose brilliant novels have brought him world-wide renown, has written a stirring story that is thoroughly entertaining, with a dramatic and unusual romance woven through it. The supporting cast includes Donald Crisp, Montague Love, Vera Lewis and Leo White. "Thieves Fall Out," with Eddie Albert and Joan Leslie, will also be shown. It is a bright comedy bubbling with romance and laughter.

RAMSGATE WOMAN'S ESCAPE

Daughter of a Ramsgate smackowner, the late Mr. Knott, of Augusta-road, Mrs. Gladys Lane had a narrow escape in a recent raid on a south-east coast town.

Having heard machine-gun fire, Mrs. Lane, whose husband is serving in the Army, was on her way downstairs when a bomb exploded in front of the house next door, completely destroying it and killing two of the occupants.

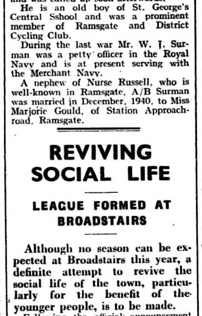
The roof of Mrs. Lane's home collapsed and she was covered with debris but escaped injury except for a few scratches and shock.

RAMSGATE SAILOR

WINS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

A former clerk in the service of Ramsgate Corporation, and later with the Public Assistance Board at Aberdeen House, A/B Reginald Surman, R.N., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Surman, of 2 Stanley-road, Ramsgate has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

The award was made in connection



with service in which A/B Surman took part in the Far East last year.

A/B Surman volunteered for the Royal Navy at the outbreak of war and was called up soon afterwards.

He is an old boy of St. George's Central Sshool and was a prominent member of Ramsgate and District Cycling Club.

During the last war Mr. W. J. Surman was a petty officer in the Royal Navy and is at present serving with the Merchant Navy.

A nephew of Nurse Russell, who is well-known in Ramsgate, A/B Surman was married in December, 1940, to Miss Marjorie Gould, of Station Approach-road, Ramsgate.

REVIVING SOCIAL LIFE

LEAGUE FORMED AT BROADSTAIRS

Although no season can be expected at Broadstairs this year, a definite attempt to revive the social life of the town, particularly for the benefit of the younger people, is to be made.

Following the official announcement urging that holidays should be spent at home to ease transport conditions by rail and road, three local residents—Mrs. T. Saunders, commandant of the Broadstairs and St. Peter's women's unit of the British Red Cross Society, the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, priest-in-charge of St. Peter's, and Miss Vyse, of Haddon Dene School, got together and decided that something ought to be done about it.

As a result a well-attended meeting to which they had invited a representative number of residents was held in the Council Chamber at Pierremont Hall on Tuesday.

The object of the meeting was outlined in the preface to the invitation to attend, which stated: "Those who live in Broadstairs and St. Peter's have viewed with regret the collapse of social life due to the war. The Government have requested all to avoid travelling and to spend leisure at home. We are sure that recreation is essential to efficient service."

In the unavoidable absence of Councillor B. J. Pearson, Chairman of the Council, the deputy chairman, Councillor H. Noble, was elected to preside.

A Holiday Gala Week.

Speaking of the need of social activities for residents of all ages, and especially the younger folk, the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith suggested that as people had been asked to spend their holidays at home outdoor sports such as cricket, golf, tennis and bowls should be encouraged and organised.

Councillor B. Humphrey, amplifying the suggestion, thought it might be possible to hold a holiday gala week during July.

Councillor G. W. Lane, supporting the proposal, advocated a series of open-air events in Pierremont Pleasure Grounds during the week.

Eventually it was decided to form a Social League, with a view to carrying the project into effect.

Those appointed a sub-committee, with power to co-opt other members, were Councillors Noble and Humphrey, the Rev. Meredith, Miss Vyse, Dr. R. Riley, Mr. S. Walker and Mr. A. T. Tucker, of 5 Northdown-road, St. Peter's, secretary.

At a further meeting on 19th May the sub-committee will report on the various suggestions brought forward and a general committee will be elected.

ALL LAUGHING

OLD MOTHER RILEY AT ODEON

Laughter is the keynote of this week's programmes at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate.

Arthur Lucan and Kitty McShane are up to their old tricks in "Old Mother Riley's Circus," which heads the bill to-day (Tuesday) and to-morrow. Old Mother Riley, once the world-famous music-hall star, Maggie O'Hara, and now reduced to singing in the streets for a living, finds herself forbidden even to do that by an unsympathetic policeman, and once more she is searching for work. After many unsuccessful efforts she joins a circus and the fun begins when she takes over the job of ringmaster. Kitty, the star of the circus, turns out to be Old Mother Riley's long-lost daughter, and together they face many exciting adventures. Also being shown is "Burma Convoy," a gripping melodrama of the hell-drivers of the Burma Road, starring Charles Bickford and Evelyn Ankers.

Amid the crashes, bangs, explosions and comedy which Ole Olsen and Chic Johnson have incorporated into their film version of "Hellzapoppin," chief feature for the latter part of the week, swing music holds its own. Buttressing the comedy are Martha Raye, Hugh Herbert and Mischa Auer, who abandon all restraint and cut loose to have the time of their lives. Appealing romance is provided by Jane Frazee and Robert Paige, and music and songs by Don Raye and Gene de Paul are tuneful and swingy. "Tight Shoes," Damon Runyon's short-story classic, with John Howard, Binnie Barnes and Brod Crawford, will also be shown.

A further warning to the public against the handling and retention of bombs or other explosive souvenirs is issued by the Ministry of Home Security.

SOW.. GROW.. AND THEN ADD OXO

SPINACH SAVOURY

1 lb. spinach, 2 ozs. flour, ½ pint vegetable water, 1 Oxo Cube, 1 oz. margarine or other fat, Salt and pepper, Little mayonnaise (if available)

Wash spinach and put into pan with salt and pepper. Cook until soft, drain well and sieve. Melt margarine in pan; add flour, mixing well, and cook a few minutes. Add vegetable water and boil up. Dissolve the Oxo cube in a little of the hot vegetable water and add, stirring. Reheat spinach in the sauce, mix well and pile on toast, which you have spread with mayonnaise.

MIXED VEGETABLE FLAN

(Enough for 4) ½ oz. dripping, ½ pt. vegetable water, 1 tablespoon grated cheese, ½ oz. flour, 1 lb. mixed cooked vegetables, Parsley to garnish, Oxo Cube

Line a flan tin with short pastry. Cook about 15 minutes in a very hot oven, Regulo No. 7. Meanwhile melt the dripping in a pan and stir in the flour. Dissolve the Oxo cube in vegetable water and add it gradually. Stir until thick. Add the cut-up vegetables. Make really hot. Turn into the cooked flan case. Sprinkle with the cheese and garnish with parsley. Serve h...

Le... OXO MEAT YOUR VEGETABLES

25 YEARS AGO
(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

At a meeting of the National Union of Railwaymen at Ramsgate on Saturday the following resolution, a copy of which has been sent to Lt.-Cdr. Norman Craig, K.C., M.P. for Thanet, was unanimously carried: "That this meeting of railwaymen records its entire disapproval of the apathy and indifference of the Member for Thanet (Lt.-Cdr. Craig, K.C.), and his total disregard for the best interests of Thanet as shown by his speech on the recent bombardment of the south-east coast, and therefore calls on him to resign his seat—as he has failed to retain the confidence of the electors—to allow Thanet to be represented in Parliament by an active Member." We understand that the secretary of the Railwaymen's Union in Ramsgate has written to the Mayor thanking him "for the stand you have made and all you have done in endeavouring to obtain more protection."

A petition containing some hundreds of signatures, calling upon the authorities to provide adequate protection for the area, has been compiled. The petition has been sent to the Mayor, who is sending copies to the Prime Minister, the First Lord of the Admiralty, Lord French and the Member for Thanet.

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It is satisfactory to note that serious consideration has been given to the claims of local people who have had their houses damaged during raids. Thanks to Mr. Joynson-Hicks, who took up the matter at the instigation of the Mayor of Ramsgate, the question is being brought to the attention of the National Relief Fund, and though no definite promise has yet been given, there is every reason to anticipate that some amount of aid will be forthcoming. The poor who have suffered deserve reparation, and it is regrettable that, up to the present, only "essential articles of furniture," at the most, will be replaced. This, at any rate, is some acknowledgment of public responsibility and therefore the original intention of the Mayor to open a public subscription has not been necessary. Help for such a purpose should not depend on private charity.

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Capt. L. W. Vaile, D.L., J.P., second Mayor of Ramsgate, passed away at 1 Sion-hill on Monday, at the age of 93 years. Capt. Vaile had been connected with the public life of Ramsgate for half a century. He held the office of Mayor from 1887 to 1889 and was intimately connected with Ramsgate General Hospital.

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Sir Cecil Hertslet, father of the Vicar of Ramsgate, was entertained at a farewell banquet at Zurich, upon relinquishing his post as British Consul General there, by the leading residents and representatives of Swiss industry.

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Broadstairs Council refused to permit "David Copperfield" to be shown at the local cinema on Whit-Sunday.

50 YEARS AGO
(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

A LOCAL SCANDAL

A somewhat extraordinary local scandal case was heard by Ramsgate magistrates on Tuesday. A well-known general dealer was summoned by a former employee for using provoking and offensive language calculated to create a breach of the peace. The language used was of a most offensive description, and quite unfit for polite ears. The defendant, instead of making any attempt directly to rebut the charge, added insult to injury by repeating many of the objectionable expressions in court; he also called witnesses with a view to abusing complainant and witnesses subpœnaed for the prosecution. The evidence for the defence was very amusing. A complaint was made by defendant's wife to the effect that the lads in the workroom shouted after her "She's a job lot," and that complainant actually laughed when that was going on. This was, however, flatly denied, and the boys innocently replied that they might have sung a song having reference to a "job lot." Naturally they thought there was no harm in that, nor can any sensible person think otherwise. Defendant compromised himself very much by branding the inmates of his own workroom as a lot of blackguards. Perhaps the most original witness was the eatinghouse man, who regarded the complainant with supreme contempt, and at once commenced by roundly abusing him and saying he was no man at all. Of course, the evidence was inadmissible.

OUR GOODLY TOWN

Still another addition has been made to the little improvements which are gradually increasing the amenities of our goodly town of Ramsgate. We all know the little boulevard connecting the West Cliff-promenade with Grange-road, and it is also beyond dispute that many invalids linger about here when the wind is in the east. Some time ago it was generously handed over to the town by the owners. The barricade has now been cleared away, and the entire roadway has been nicely tarred and gravelled. The improvement will be appreciated by visitors and residents alike.

CAR DEALER FINED

SEQUEL TO ACCIDENT

A fine of £3 was imposed by Margate magistrates on Wednesday on a former Thanet man who pleaded that he thought the ban on bringing cars into the coastal area had been lifted.

He was William George Gawthorpe, of New Dover-road, Canterbury, and he was summoned for using a private car in the five-mile coastal strip without a permit.

On the evening of 20th April, said P/C Maskelyne, he was called to Canterbury-road, Garlinge, where an accident had occurred. He saw defendant, who was the driver of a car not exhibiting a permit. Defendant said he did not know he had to have a permit.

Defendant told the bench that he understood it had been published in the papers that the ban was lifted from 15th April. He was not stopped on the road.

Replying to the Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan), defendant said he was a Ramsgate man and lived at Margate up to about a year ago. He was now dealing in motor cars and used his car in the Canterbury area.

The Magistrates' Clerk: And you know all about motor car law as well as motor cars.

Questioned by the Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer), defendant admitted that last year he applied to him for a car permit and it was refused.

The Chief Constable: Previously to that you obtained one in another manner?

Defendant: Yes.

In point of fact, it was not through the proper channels?—That is so.

And as a result an officer of H.M. Forces was court-martialled?—Yes.

The Chief Constable informed the bench that defendant had been before the court five times for motor car offences, the last being in October, 1940.

FAR-REACHING ENQUIRIES

Far-reaching enquiries by the police necessitated another remand when Henry Frost, aged 26, and Frederick Horace Bodley, aged 17, both of West Dumpton-lane, Ramsgate, appeared before the Cinque Ports magistrates at Margate last week on a charge of breaking and entering Hamilton Lodge, Bishop's-avenue, Broadstairs, on 19th March, and stealing a quantity of clothing, the property of Mr. F. H. B. Iles, a member of the bench.

Applying for a remand, Inspr. Hann, K.C.C., said enquiries were still not completed but they would definitely be able to proceed with the case by 18th May.

A remand until this date was granted.

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COUNCIL ENQUIRY

INTO CIVIL DEFENCE PETROL

Detailed particulars of the petrol consumed during March by vehicles used in the Civil Defence and allied services are contained in a report of the Civil Defence Committee which was presented to Ramsgate Council on Thursday.

In the aggregate the statement shows that over 40 vehicles used between them 489 gallons and that the mileage covered was 3,236.

After considering the analysis the committee have requested the Medical Officer of Health to place before them some alternative proposals for the supply to the personnel of the Casualty Service on stand-by duty of mid-day meals from the British Restaurant which are at present delivered by a mobile canteen which used 21 gallons of petrol and travelled 146 miles during the month.

It was recommended that a sub-committee consisting of the chairman (Councillor A. R. Young), the vice-chairman (Alderman A. E. Petley) and Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel should be appointed to consider in detail the whole question of the consumption of petrol for Civil Defence and allied services.

When the matter came before the Council on Thursday Alderman Petley said the sub-committee had been called together and they were going into the matter very thoroughly. There was no doubt there was something which wanted looking into.

Councillor S. E. Austin asked if the petrol remaining in the tanks of the cars had been accounted for in compiling the figures.

According to his calculation, said Councillor Butler, two hundred gallons of petrol had to be accounted for.

Councillor H. Farmer said the figures wanted a lot of explaining. As an example one car used 19 gallons of petrol for 48 miles and another 13 gallons for 30 miles. Cars of that type should do at least ten miles to the gallon.

Councillor F. C. Miller said they were told that the figures showed the amount of petrol supplied and not the amount consumed.

Himself a member of the Casualty Services, Councillor C. F. Sanders said the petrol was not all consumed while the cars were in motion. Formerly the engines of the cars were run for ten minutes each day while they were stationary but that time had now been reduced to three minutes. That was responsible for the consumption of a good deal of petrol.

Councillor P. Turner suggested that the sub-committee should be composed of men who had had experience of motoring, and it was eventually decided to add to the sub-committee Councillors Turner, Austin and Dr. D. P. Crawford.

FUNERAL OF MR. F. BLAKE

The funeral took place by cremation at Charing on Tuesday of Mr. Frederick Blake, the well-known Margate Freemason, who passed away at the age of 72.

It was Mr. Blake's wish that no floral tributes should be sent, but that in their place donations should be made to masonic charities.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. —. Thompson, and the chief mourners were Mr. A. H. Blake, director of education, Burton-on-Trent (son) and Mr. W. H. Jacobsen, Ramsgate (brother-in-law).

The many masonic friends present included W. Bro. F. J. Bryan, Provincial Grand Secretary, W. Bro. G. Kirby, W.M. St. John's Thanet Lodge, and W. Bro. H. L. Summers, W.M. Lewises Lodge, Ramsgate.

RAMSGATE

Part-Time Specials.—The establishment of 60 part-time special constables has been approved for Ramsgate.

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Whist Drives held every evening at the Ramsgate Working Men's Club, Chatham-place, at 7 p.m.

Preventing Accidents.—Ramsgate Council have increased their subscription for 1942 to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents to £4 4s.

More Flag Days.—Additional flag days sanctioned by Ramsgate Watch Committee are Buttercup Day (held on 25th April), Alexandra Rose Day, 23rd June, and Hospital Day, 22nd August.

Things We are Wanting to Buy—Old Gold, Silver and Silver Plated goods, Field Glasses and Jewellery, and we offer good prices, Prosser and Newbery, 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Shelter Storage Tanks.—A sum of £1 each is to be paid to Ramsgate Gas Department for the 87 wash coppers that are to be used as water storage tanks in the deep tunnel shelters.

A Week's Savings.—During the week ending 2nd May National Savings at Ramsgate amounted to £2,587, of which £1,377 was deposited in the P.O. Savings Bank.

Genuine.—During the past month four samples of milk powder, three of milk, three of cod liver oil, one of malt food and one of black currant puree taken for analysis at Ramsgate have all been reported genuine.

Mobile Canteen Transferred.—As Ramsgate's larger mobile canteen and the trailer kitchen are sufficient to meet local requirements, the small mobile canteen has been released by the Council for transfer to another area.

Illumination.—Ramsgate Civil Defence Committee have agreed in principle with the Watch Committee that illuminated signs should be exhibited outside public conveniences in the town and have asked the Borough Engineer to submit proposals and estimates for consideration.

C.D. Sports Gear.—Ramsgate Civil Defence Sub-Controller, Mr. S. F. Butler, has reported that he proposes to devote the sum of £25 received from Adml. Sir Edward Evans to the purchase of sports gear and equipment and games for the Civil Defence personnel.

Depleted Staff.—As the staff of Ramsgate Public Library has been reduced to the acting librarian and a junior assistant with only a month's experience, Miss M. Phenix has been appointed an additional temporary junior assistant at a commencing salary of 17s. 6d. a week.

Minister's Son Weds.—Youngest son of the Rev. and Mrs. P. J. Grubb, of Ramsgate, Capt. Arnold P. Grubb, R.A., was married at St. Nicholas, Compton, last week to Miss Margaret Quinton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Quinton of Sligo, Eire.

Two More Groups.—Two further savings groups were formed in Ramsgate last week. They were the Alexandra-road group (hon. secretary, Mrs. E. Woodward, 50 Alexandra-road) and the St. Lawrence Church Girls' Friendly Society group (hon. secretary, Miss P. H. Hallums, 5 Manston-road).

Vegetables in Spencer-square.—Although the Superintendent, Mr. R. Clarke, does not think the soil suitable, Ramsgate Parks and Pleasure Grounds Committee have informed Mr. C. Perry that no objection would be raised to the use of the flower beds by the residents in Spencer-square for the purpose of growing vegetables.

Whooping in the Tunnel.—Ramsgate Medical Officer of Health (Dr. J. V. Walker) has reported to the Public Health Committee as to the arrangements he had made for the isolation of children suffering from whooping cough who habitually use the tunnel shelters at night.

Summons Adjourned.—Ramsgate magistrates on Monday adjourned for a month the case in which Charles Henry Lumpkin, of Hollicondane-road, was summoned for being £5 9s. 6d. in arrears under a maintenance order in favour of his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Amelia Lumpkin. Defendant said he had been unable to work for the past fortnight owing to an injury to his hand.

Wesley Guild.—Miss M. Vince was the speaker at the weekly meeting of Ramsgate Wesley Guild, held in the Centenary Hall on Tuesday. Miss Vince, with the aid of a diagram, took an appreciative audience for a tour of Windsor Castle, giving some of its history and describing the beauty of the grounds and the buildings in them. Mr. L. W. Judd, who presided, thanked Miss Vince for her interesting address. The lesson was read by Mrs. F. Chandler.

Wife Withdraws Summons.—Mrs. Violet Norah Standen, of Prestedge-avenue, was given permission by Ramsgate magistrates on Monday to withdraw a summons against her husband, George Edward Standen, from whom she sought a maintenance order. Mrs. Standen said her husband was now working at Chatham and had promised to send her £2 10s. each week. Addressing Mrs. Standen, the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said "Remember, you have got to be a mother as well as a wife to your husband."

Colourful Wedding.—While on 48 hours leave, Pte. W. Martin of Robertsbridge, Sussex, was married at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, on Saturday to Miss Elsie Joyce Smithers, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smithers, of 25 La Belle Alliance-square, Ramsgate. The bride, given away by her father, wore a white crepe dress with veil to match, a head-dress of orange blossom and carried a bouquet of red carnations. In attendance were Miss Doris Smithers, dressed in plain mauve satin with pale green head-dress, Miss Doreen Smithers, who wore a pale blue dress with silver headdress, Miss Sheila Forewood, who was dressed in pink silk with a Juliet cap, and Master Michael Hayes, who wore a white blouse and blue knickers. The bridesmaids carried shower bouquets of sweet peas.

MARGATE

Town Sergeant's Salary.—Margate Town Council to-day are being asked to confirm a recommendation of the Staffing and Salaries Sub-Committee that the salary of the Town Sergeant (Mr. R. F. Walbourn) should be increased from £250 to £260 per annum as from 1st April.

Library Issues.—The number of books issued from the lending departments of Margate Library during February, March and April was 50,370, compared with 41,910 for the corresponding months last year. The daily average was 787 as against 655.

Sudden Death.—After watering his garden on Monday morning, Mr. Louis Paul Ryan, a tailor, of Dane Hill-row, Margate, collapsed at the foot of the stairs at his home and died shortly after. As death was due to natural causes an inquest was not considered necessary.

Death of Mr. W. Gimber.—For many years a groundsman at Hengrove golf course, which he helped to lay out, Mr. William Gimber, of 137 High-street, Garlinge, passed away on Tuesday at the age of 78. Six years ago Mr. Gimber celebrated his golden wedding, but his wife died a year later.

Assistant Water Engineer.—Following the departure of Mr H. A. Bromley, Distribution Superintendent at Margate Waterworks, to take up an appointment with Epsom and Ewell Corporation, applications are to be invited for the appointment of a temporary assistant water engineer at a salary commencing at £300 per annum.

Journalist Weds.—The wedding took place in London last week of Mr. Barrie Harding, former Margate journalist, to Mrs. Dorothy Elsie Browne, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Cowley, of Gloucester-place, London, W.1. The bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Allen Harding, of Shanklin, Isle of Wight, is at present serving with the Royal Artillery.

SUMMARY DISMISSAL

COUNCIL UPHOLD MEDICAL OFFICER

The official reports regarding the recent dismissal of four members of the Civil Defence casualty service were presented to Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday.

A report of the Civil Defence Committee stated: "The Medical Officer of Health reported that following a report made to him by one of the acting depot superintendents through the ambulance staff officer, concerning the refusal of four male members of the casualty service personnel to obey an order given to them on 6th April by one of the acting depot superintendents, he had summarily dismissed these members for the offence.

"After hearing the Medical Officer of Health's explanation of the matter the committee endorsed his action."

A report of Council in committee on 29th April stated that the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) referred to the fact that the meeting had been convened after a requisition for that purpose presented to him in accordance with the provisions of standing orders "for the purpose of inquiring into and discussion of certain matters relating to the organisation, etc., of civil defence in the borough (particularly the recent dismissal from the casualty service of certain of the personnel)."

After considering the report of the Medical Officer of Health referred to in the report of the Civil Defence Committee, the Council in committee endorsed his action and recommended that the report of the Civil Defence Committee be approved.

Councillor Butler Wants to Know.

Referring to the report at Thursday's meeting, Councillor J. B. Butler said he thought rather a bad example had been set for him, as a young councillor, to follow. The matter was discussed at a meeting of Council in committee yet information concerning what happened was published in the press shortly afterwards.

"I have no objection to the press having the information but I would rather like to know who gave it to them," said Councillor Butler. "Perhaps it was one of the senior members of the Council. Whoever it was, he should have given the whole of the information, and not part of it.

"The informant should also have told the press that the Medical Officer himself admitted he was wrong in dismissing these men without giving them a hearing. It was only fair to me that this should have been stated. We got a promise that there would be no further dismissals without a hearing. There was also a discussion about lack of discipline, and that was not reported."

The Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) said he agreed that no member of the Council had the right to go out and discuss committee business.

ALWAYS WITH THEIR TAILS UP

Capt. S. Fielding, of the Green Howards, whose vivid description of the campaign in Libya, recently published in "The Listener," is reprinted in the May issue of "The Dragon," pays high tribute to a battalion of The Buffs.

In a letter to the editor of "The Dragon" giving permission for the reproduction of the article, Capt. Fielding writes "Perhaps you would like to add in the regimental magazine that to everyone who was in the early part of the offensive which began last November, the name of The Buffs means inspiration. They fought as part of the famous 4th Indian Division, and were in action after action, always with their tails up, always ready for another crack at the Bosche."

BROADSTAIRS

St. Peter's Burials.—Seven persons were buried at St. Peter's Churchyard last month. The oldest was 87 years and the youngest 62.

First Prize.—Mrs. Ward, who distributed the prizes won at the Broadstairs Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association whist drive last week, had the pleasure of handing the first prize to herself.

Red Cross Whist Cheque.—As a result of the whist drives held at Broadstairs during April, a cheque for £9 5s. 5d. has been sent to the British Red Cross and St. John War Organisation.

Pavilion Damage.—Considerable damage has been caused to the pavilion at Minster recreation ground and the Parish Council have decided to place the matter in the hands of the police.

Savings.—Broadstairs' contribution to the National Savings Movement last week amounted to £668. The sum was made up of £201 in savings certificates, £10 in defence bonds and an increase of £457 due to depositors at the Post Office Savings Bank.

Missing in Malaya.—Only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Thirkettle, former Broadstairs residents who are now living at Hythe, Spr. Henry Thirkettle, R.E., has been reported as missing in Malaya since 12th March. The last letter his parents received from him was dated 15th January.

Funeral of Mr. S. R. Gardner.—The funeral took place at St. Peter's last week of Mr. Stephen Richard Gardner, of No. 172 Beacon-road, who passed away at the age of 83 years. A member of the local lodge of the R.A.O.B., Mr. Gardner had been employed until his retirement on the outdoor staff of Broadstairs Council Surveyor. The mourners at the service conducted by the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith included the widow, Mr. Stephen Gardner (son), Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Gardner (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gardner (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. Gardner (brother and sister-in-law) and Mr. and Mrs. H. Foat (nephew and niece).

MINSTER.

Full-Time Schooling.—Full-time schooling will begin in Minster as soon as the erection of an air raid shelter at the school has been completed.

Population Figure.—At a meeting of Minster Parish Council on Tuesday it was reported that the population of the village was now 1,527.

Meat Pies.—As British Restaurants are impracticable at Minster, Eastry Rural District Council have asked local bakers to cook meat pies and snacks, mainly for the benefit of farmers. No coupons will be necessary. Reporting on the matter at a meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday, Councillor Father T. A. Keniry said that in the event of a blitz on the village the public should co-operate with the Civil Defence services and render them every possible assistance.

Of 2,366 prosecutions undertaken by the Food Ministry in March, 2,211 were successful

SALVAGE DRIVE

INTENSIFIED AT RAMSGATE

The salvage campaign in Ramsgate is to be intensified.

Although the Borough Engineer (Mr. R. D. Brimmell), in consultation with the Works Committee, has achieved excellent results in the salvage of materials, it is now felt that, in view of the scope of the schemes which the Council are asked by the Ministry of Supply to inaugurate, a sub-committee should be constituted with executive powers to give effect, in consultation with the Borough Engineer, to the Minister's proposals.

The Works Committee have therefore appointed Aldermen C. R. Woodhams and A. E. Petley, Councillors J. B. Butler, J. Martin and P. Turner a sub-committee with executive powers to deal with all matters affecting the salvage of materials, enrol voluntary salvage stewards and form salvage groups.

The sub-committee met recently and requested the Borough Engineer to take whatever steps he feels are possible, having regard to local conditions, to enrol salvage stewards and, through them, to organise salvage groups.

The Engineer reported that the recovery of waste paper from unoccupied premises was receiving attention and where necessary he would exercise the powers given by the Ministry of Supply.

With regard to the recovery of rubber scrap the sub-committee decided that a local sweep for the recovery of all forms of rubber scrap should be held from 25th-30th May and that the Borough Engineer should dispose of the scrap through the Ministry of Works and Public Buildings.

The Engineer was authorised to obtain if possible premises in King-street for a window display and the establishment of a central accumulating centre and a centre is also to be established on the Council's property at the Market. The co-operation of local cinemas is to be sought and the Education Committee have been asked to arrange for a series of talks to children and to allow the establishment of collecting centres at schools.

It was further reported to the sub-committee that the Borough Engineer is taking whatever steps are possible to proceed with the salvage of household bones and is endeavouring to arrange a system whereby a local farmer collects kitchen waste.

The Engineer is to enter the Council for the waste paper recovery contest being held from 1st May to 31st July.

The final paragraph in the report of the sub-committee reads: "The Borough Engineer reported the result of the recent scrap metal drive and his interviews with a local dealer with regard to accumulations of scrap metal in the town."

COMMERCIAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION

An examination for the award of special places for admission to the Canterbury Junior Commercial School for Girls is to be held on Saturday, 6th June.

Forms of application can be obtained from the Principal, Canterbury Technical Institute, and must be returned not later than Saturday, 23rd May.

MOBILE SPECIALS THANKED

The voluntary mobile section of the Ramsgate Special Constabulary having been disbanded owing to petrol restrictions and other reasons, the Watch Committee have recorded the Council's high appreciation of the services rendered by the members who have, since the outbreak of war, placed their private cars and their own services voluntarily at the disposal of the Chief Constable.

LIMITED UNIFORM

As the authorised issue of uniform clothing for Report and Control Centre staffs provides only for greatcoat, beret and overall, an application of the Ramsgate personnel for uniform clothing similar to that of the other Civil Defence workers has been refused.

The Civil Defence Committee have authorised the purchase of gabardine coats for First Aid personnel at a cost of £100 15s.

CHEAPER BOWLS

Following representations that the bowling green charges at the West Cliff should be reduced, Ramsgate Council have fixed the full-season ticket charge for the 1942 season at £1.

The existing charge for casual play of 4d. per hour is to be continued and other charges are to remain as previously.

Lease Surrendered.—Ramsgate Council have agreed to the immediate surrender of the lease of Courtstairs on payment of the penalty of £500 which would have been payable under the terms of the lease if the tenant had exercised his right to surrender at the end of the first seven years

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A GALLANT BAND

RAMSGATE DUNKIRK HEROES HONOURED

Their valiant deeds of two years ago, when they rescued three thousand British and French troops from the beaches of Dunkirk, were honoured at Ramsgate on Thursday when members of the Ramsgate lifeboat crew received the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's awards on vellum in recognition of their services.

The awards were presented on behalf of the institution by the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) prior to the quarterly meeting of the Council at Clarendon House.

Those to receive the award were the coxswain, Mr. Howard P. Knight, D.C.M., the acting second coxswain, Mr. Alfred Moodey, and Messrs. T. H. Read, John Hawkes, Edward C. Cooper, Thomas H. Goldfinch and Charles Knight.

Messrs. E. Attwood and W. Liddle, who also formed part of the lifeboat crew, were unable to be present to receive their awards.

The Mayor said they all remembered the gallant services rendered by the crew of the lifeboat during the evacuation of Dunkirk. He was among many people who also rushed round providing the men with cigarettes and refreshments. It would go down in history that the crew of the Ramsgate lifeboat was one of two only which volunteered to go to Dunkirk. As a result of their action three thousand men were brought safely back to this country.

"We admire the courage of our lifeboat crew, so ably led by coxswain Howard Knight," said the Mayor. "For a long time now if there has been anything said about lifeboat crews, Ramsgate has been in the news. On many occasions prior to Dunkirk they went out with risk to their lives through enemy mines."

The Mayor said the awards which he was handing to the men were signed personally by H.M. the King and apart from the medal it was the highest award made by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Returning thanks on behalf of the crew, coxswain Knight said "It was just a job of work, that's all. If it blows a gale and we have to go out in peace-time we know what we have got to put up with but it is different when the Jerries are overhead and they are bombing you. We were very lucky."

In a tribute to the men Alderman A. E. Petley, chairman of the Watch Committee, said when he was a young constable it was part of his duty to call the lifeboatmen when the gun had been fired. When they got to the houses to call the lifeboatmen they always found they were already in the boat. The Ramsgate lifeboat crew had always been a most gallant body of men.

Mr. T. H. Dutton, secretary of the Ramsgate branch of the R.N.L.I., thanked the Mayor for making the presentations.

Cost of Police Clothing.—The annual issue of police clothing at Ramsgate is estimated to cost £500.

Black-out To-day 10.25 p.m.—5.28 a.m.

KILLED DURING EXERCISE

Lt. Leonard George Tunbridge, of the Hampshire Regiment, whose wife lives at 68 Eaton-road, Margate, was among the officers killed during the recent exercise at Wargrave when the pilot of a fighter plane mistook his target and fired his machine-guns into the military spectators.

Twenty-five years of age, Lt. Tunbridge was the only son of the late Mr. George Tunbridge and of Mrs. Tunbridge, of Farnborough, Hants.

The funeral, at Farnborough, was accorded full military honours.

MISSING FROM H.M.S. CORNWALL

Ldg. Stkr. Jack Roberts, R.N., of 8 Bradley-road, Ramsgate, who was serving on H.M.S. Cornwall, is officially reported by the Admiralty to be missing, presumed killed.

Twenty-six years of age, Ldg. Stkr. Roberts, who was last home in 1939, was attached to H.M.S. Ramillies before he joined the Cornwall three years ago.

One of his brothers is serving in the Army and another in the Merchant Navy.

A WONDERFUL JOB OF WORK

Staff Sgt. F. Denmee, R.A.O.C., of Ramsgate, who has been under canvas in the Middle East since March, 1941, writes in the May issue of the East Cliff Scouts' "News-Letter" "The lads out here have done a wonderful job of work, though I feel very few people at home understand the conditions under which they fought. I'm glad to say that the R.A.O.C. has earned further laurels and everyone is very bucked with things."

For a time S/Sgt. Denmee was able to talk over old times with S/Sgt. Arthur Danton, another former East Cliff Scout, but the latter has since been transferred elsewhere.

MRS. PEARSON THANKS COUNCIL

Broadstairs Council in committee last week received a letter from Mrs. Rosa E. Pearson, wife of Councillor B. J. Pearson, Chairman of the Council, acknowledging the Council's expression of appreciation of her services during the year.

"I shall be glad," wrote Mrs. Pearson, "if you will kindly express to the Council my appreciation of their kind expression of thanks in connection with what little I have been able to do to assist my husband in the past year in his capacity of Chairman of the Council. Please assure the Council of my continued efforts during the present year."

IN MEMORY OF MR. W. G. SUTCLIFFE

To perpetuate the memory of the late Mr. W. Greenwood Sutcliffe, F.R.C.S., who served Margate Hospital for over 40 years, an enlarged photograph of the former medical superintendent is to be hung in the board room, a tablet recording his devoted service is to be placed at the entrance to the female surgical ward, and a bed in the female surgical ward is to be named after him.

It was Mr. Sutcliffe's wish that in lieu of wreaths, donations should be sent to the hospital, and to date £177 13s. has been received.

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Births, Marriages, Deaths

BIRTHS

Ricks.—26th April, at the Honeysuckle Inn, Ramsgate, the wife of Patrick Ricks, of a son (Shaun Hugh Robert).

MARRIAGES

Bentley—Owen.—2nd May, at All Saints', Lockinge, by the Rev. F. R. Standfast, David Owen, of Ramsgate, to Marjorie Bentley, of Broadstairs.

Dennord—Wratten.—30th April, at St. Lawrence, by the Rev. Roundhill, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Sittingbourne, Edward Cyril Dennord to Eleanor Lilian Wratten, both of Ramsgate.

Martin—Smithers.—2nd May, at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, Pte. W. Martin, of Robertsbridge, Sussex, to Joyce Smithers, of Ramsgate.

DEATHS

Gimber.—5th May, at 137 High-street, Garlinge, Margate, William Gimber, aged 78 years.

Warwick.—5th May, at Margate General Hospital, Ronald George Warwick, aged 27 years.

Wilkinson.—7th May, at Margate Hospital, Alice Maude Wilkinson, of 27 Eaton-road, Margate, aged 69 years.

IN MEMORIAM

Birch.—In revered and loving memory of our dear mother, Emily Olive Birch, who passed peacefully away 8th May, 1940.—From her sons and daughter.—Highfield, Dumpton Park-drive, Ramsgate.

Penney.—In loving memory of Mrs. Ada Penney, who passed peacefully away on 6th May, 1938.—Deeply mourned by her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Penney, 7 Buckingham-road, Margate.

Wilson.—In proud and loving memory of my dear husband, Frank, R.A.F.V.R., killed in a flying accident 15th May, 1941, at West Freugh, Scotland. Never forgotten by his loving wife Mabel.

A silent thought,
A secret tear
For one I loved
So very dear.

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